

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

75. (currently amended) A transformer comprising:

a converter including an input for receiving format-unspecified media content, said converter automatically and separately providing:

at least one media block ~~corresponding to~~ comprising a portion of said media content, and

a ~~media content identifier describing a content~~ description of said portion of media content wherein said description does not include a storage address for said media block;

a storage managing unit coupled to said converter to receive said at least one media block and said description ~~associated media content identifier~~,

said storage managing unit ~~providing an address for~~ storing said at least one media block in a first memory, said storage managing unit storing said description in a second memory;

a translator configured to relate said ~~storage address~~ said stored media block to said stored description ~~media content identifier~~,

said transformer ~~thereby~~ enabling random retrieval of a plurality of stored media ~~content~~ blocks in response to receiving a single request comprising said description from a requestor, when said request does not include a storage address for said description and does not include a storage address for retrieved ones of said plurality of of stored media blocks. ~~description of media content to be retrieved.~~

76. (previously presented) The transformer of claim 75 wherein said converter input is coupled to at least one encoder selected from the group comprising: MPEG, AVI and DIVX said transformer enabling retrieval of media content blocks based on said associated media content identifier regardless of selected encoder.

77. (previously presented) The transformer of claim 75 wherein said media content identifier comprises at least one of program name, program start time, program end time, channel, duration, and key word.

78. (previously presented) The transformer of claim 75 wherein at least one of said portions of media content comprises a single frame of said media content and wherein said single frame is retrievable from storage based on said description .~~associated media content identifier~~

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